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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Comments on the Parcell Panel Report

1. This memorandum is for your information.

2. In our opinion, the Panel headed by Dr. Edward Parcell has performed a real service in providing a reasonably sound base for further planning and development of reconnaissance programs. The group obviously overcame serious time limitations in treating the many difficult problems related to the improvement of our systems.

3. Regarding the more specific aspects of the report, we are in full agreement with the primary conclusion that increasing the performance of the "H" system provides the most promising opportunity for achieving a full return on our investment. We note, however, that the report does not treat fully the capabilities and limitations of the [redacted] and "L" systems. Undoubtedly these systems are providing valuable R&D aimed at better resolutions. However, the report did not consider the problems of targeting (and possible solutions) which may be particularly critical in the case of the [redacted]. We would not like to see either the [redacted] or "L" systems over-sold at least until we can be satisfied that these systems will produce meaningful intelligence and can cover a rewarding number of OCEAN targets each mission.

4. Other areas of interest which I am sure would have been discussed had the Panel had the time are:

a. The possibilities of multi-sensor usage;

b. The use of [redacted] to satisfy the need for a quick-reaction satellite capability.

c. The problem of targeting [redacted] systems in view of the limited [redacted] possible with present [redacted] limitations.

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5. Finally, we would suggest that the DMI have a seat at the next meeting of this kind if only to observe and provide an input as to our interests. Perhaps the next report could then be responsive to intelligence problems in addition to those of R&D.

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